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Title: "Improved Fermentation Method for Production of Heterologous
Gene Products in Lactic Acid Bacteria"
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Dear Sir:

Attached is a new continuation in part patent application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office including thirty-eight (38) pages of Specification, four (4) pages of Claims (numbered 1-24), one (1) page of abstract, twenty-two (22) pages of Drawings (Figs. 1-12), and an unexecuted Declaration.

This application claims priority of U.S. Application No. 09/692,205, filed October 20, 2000.

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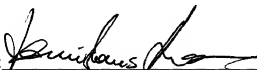
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